



ABSTRACTS of the 2004 Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Laws



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Letter from the Director

Fishing, hunting, and wildlife related recreation are important recreational activities for both residents of Massachusetts and its visitors. According to the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, more than 325,000 people (aged 16 and older) enjoyed fishing on Massachusetts lakes, rivers and ponds during 2001 – and this does not include the many kids age 15 and under who fish our waters.

The average angler spent 14 days fishing and spent \$632.

Fishing pressure in Massachusetts is estimated at 40 trips/acre versus the national average of 27 trips/acre. In an extensive survey conducted in 1996, the American Sportfishing Association estimated expenditures of \$275 million for recreational freshwater fishing in Massachusetts; expenditures which generated over \$26 million in sales tax revenue and created some 5,636 jobs.

An estimated 66,000 hunters took to the field in pursuit of game, spending an average of \$829 per hunter and pumping an additional \$59 million into the economy for gear and trip-related expenses.

Wildlife watchers — 1.7 million of them — spent an additional \$162 million dollars in, or getting to, the Bay State — an average of \$278 per participant.

This all adds up to the fact that management of fish and wildlife in Massachusetts is important to people, in terms of recreation, aesthetics and economics. Massachusetts residents spend upward of \$686 million per year on equipment, trips, meals and lodging **directly related to fish & wildlife.**

These figures highlight the importance of fisheries and wildlife to the people, and to the economy, of Massachusetts; to the quality of life in the state and its



potential for smart growth. It is something we would all do well to keep in mind while enjoying the beauty of the Commonwealth and the richness of Massachusetts' wildlife.

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These Abstracts contain a summary of the laws and regulations in place as of September 1, 2003. Any changes in law or regulation enacted after September 1 are distributed through our regular press releases to the news media, town clerk offices, all license sales outlets and on our website. These are not the complete laws (MGL Ch.131 and 321 CMR) and are subject to change.

To obtain a License to Carry or a Firearms Identification card, contact your local police department. For a nonresident License to Carry , a permit to own or possess firearms by aliens, or for more information on the gun laws, contact the Department of Public Safety, Firearms Record Bureau, 200 Arlington St. Suite 2200, Chelsea, MA 02150, tel. (617) 660-4780. License sales outlets may sell a hunting or sporting license only after seeing proof of a previous year's hunting license, a certificate of completion of a hunter education course, or a valid FID or License to Carry. **Please see page 11 for Massachusetts Gun Laws.**

A hunting, fishing or trapping license is not a permit to trespass on private land, posted or not. Remember, your privilege to enter on private land is a courtesy extended to you by the owner. Practice courtesy yourself if you want to continue hunting or fishing.

Hunting, fishing, sporting, and trapping licenses do not have to be displayed in a visible manner, but they must be shown on demand to any officer empowered to enforce these laws, and to landowners or lessees while on their property.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Crossbow Regulations: Certain permanently handicapped persons who are unable to use a conventional bow and arrow may obtain a free lifetime crossbow permit. Contact Westboro Office.

It is no longer necessary to turn in the carcasses of bobcat, fisher or otter.

Bear Permit: Now issued out of Field Headquarters, Westboro.

New Catch and Release Areas on the Housatonic River and Red Brook, see page 5.

FISHING

	ALL DATES INCLUSIVE	Daily Creel	Length ¹
TROUT²			
lakes, ponds, major rivers ³	Jan.1 - Dec. 31	3	—
all other rivers and brooks ⁴	April 1 - Sept. 10	8	—
	Sept. 11 - March 31	3	—
South Pond, Brookfield ⁵	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	3	15"
LAKE TROUT			
Wachusett Reservoir ⁶	"	3	—
Quabbin ^{6,7}	"	4	less than 20"
		1	greater than 23"
SALMON (landlocked)	"	2	15"
SALMON (broodstock) ⁸	"	2	15"
AMERICAN SHAD	"	6	—
CHAIN PICKEREL	"	5	15"
BLACK BASS (Largemouth and Smallmouth, singly or combined):	"	5	12"
NORTHERN PIKE	"	1	28"
TIGER MUSKIE	"	1	28"
WALLEYE	"	5	14"
SMELT ⁹	Jan. 1 - Feb. 29	—	—
	May 16 - Dec. 31	—	—
ALL OTHER FRESHWATER SPECIES	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	—	—

STRIPED BASS: For current regulations call the Division of Marine Fisheries at (617) 626-1520, or visit their website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries.

POSSESSION OF: Sturgeon (all species), American Brook Lamprey, Bridle Shiner, Burbot, Eastern Silvery Minnow, Lake Chub, Longnose Sucker, and Northern Redbelly Dace IS ILLEGAL! If caught RELEASE IMMEDIATELY.

¹Minimum length is measured as the straight line (not curved over the body) from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. Forked tails may be squeezed together for the final measurement.

²Trout applies to Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Tiger (a cross between a female brown and a male brook trout). From April 1 to September 10, no more than eight trout as defined may be taken daily, and only three of those trout may be from lakes, ponds, or major rivers. From Sept. 11 to Mar. 31, no more than three trout as defined, may be taken daily.

³Major Rivers: Childs, Coonamessett, Deerfield, Farmington, Green (Colrain), Green (Great Barrington), Ipswich, Jones, Mashpee, Millers, Nissitissit, North (Colrain), North (West Branch), Parker, Quaboag, Quinapoxet, Quinebaug, Seven Mile, Santuit, Scorton Creek, Shawsheen, Squannacook, Stillwater (Sterling, Princeton), Swift (East Branch), Swift (Winsor Dam to Ware River, except as posted), Tully (East and West Branches) Ware, Ware (East Branch), Westfield (All Branches).

⁴Mainstem Housatonic River from the confluence of the East and West Branches to the MA/CT line, exclusive of catch and release areas, limit one trout, minimum length 20 inches.

⁵Special brown trout water: Total daily creel is 3 trout but only 1 may be a brown trout and it must be at least 15 inches.

⁶Opening and closing dates are set by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. For Quabbin Reservoir call 413-323-7221, for Wachusett / Sudbury Reservoirs call 978-365-3272. The use of lead fishing sinkers including, but not limited to, split shot, bullet weights, egg sinkers, slip sinkers, bell sinkers, pinch sinkers, rubber grip sinkers, bank sinkers, pyramid sinkers, or twist, strap or wraparound sinkers for the taking of fish in Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs is prohibited. Lead fishing sinkers **DO NOT** include other lead-fishing related items such as artificial lures, jigs, lead-core line, down-rigger weights, keel sinkers, torpedo casting and trolling sinkers, or weighted flies.

⁷Lake trout at Quabbin measuring 20"-23" (inclusive) are protected. **NO HARVEST!**

⁸The harvest of broodstock salmon (Atlantic salmon) is lawful in all inland waters of Massachusetts except in: 1) the Connecticut River and all its tributaries, and 2) the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA and all its tributaries downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA. The possession of an Atlantic salmon (including broodstock salmon) while fishing in the Connecticut River and all its tributaries and in the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA and all its tributaries downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA is prohibited.

⁹Smelt may be taken by hook and line only.

Bait: Permit required to take baitfish for purpose of sale. Frogs (except leopard frogs) 2-1/2" or less snout to vent may be used as bait; 10 daily, 10 in possession. May not be sold. Baitfish may be taken by licensed anglers at any time (except for purposes of sale) with a rectangular net not exceeding 36 square feet of net area or by a hoop or circular net not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or with a fish trap with openings not exceeding one inch. The following species may be taken for personal use as bait by licensed anglers:

American eel	Banded killifish	Bluntnose minnow
Creek chubsucker	Emerald shiner	Fallfish
Fathead minnow	Golden shiner	Herring*
Mummichog	Pumpkinseed	Rainbow smelt [†]
Spottail shiner	White sucker	Yellow perch

[†] Hook and line only. Possession or use of smelt as bait in inland waters other than during the smelt season is prohibited.

* Herring may be used as bait in the Connecticut River, the Merrimack River and coastal rivers and streams. Herring **MAY NOT** be used as bait in lakes or ponds. Taking of herring regulated by Div. Marine Fisheries.

Catch and Release Areas:

Artificial lures only. No bait in possession.

Housatonic River - From the Route 20 bridge in Lee downstream to Willow Mill Dam AND from Glendale Dam downstream to the R.R. bridge. No Fishing from June 15 - August 31 inclusive within 100 feet from the mouths of posted tributaries. Posted tributaries are: Beartown Brook, Goose Pond Brook, Hop Brook and Mohawk Brook.

Red Brook - From the outlet of White Island Pond to the inlet of Buttermilk Bay.

Nissitissit River - From the New Hampshire border to the Prescott St. Bridge. **FLY FISHING ONLY**.

Swift River - Winsor Dam to Rte. 9, catch & release **FLY FISHING ONLY** (year around); Rte. 9 to Cady Lane, catch & release July 1 - Dec. 31 (Artificials only).

Deerfield River - Fife Brook Dam to Hoosac Tunnel, and the section extending from Pelham Brook to the Mohawk Camp-ground.

Westfield River, East Branch - Immediately below the Chesterfield Gorge parking lot in Chesterfield to the gate north of the Corps of Engineers parking lot at Knightville in Huntington.

Millers River - Templeton/Athol railroad bridge to dam in Athol and from Wendell Rd. bridge in Orange to breached dam in Erving center.

Quashnet River - From the outlet of John's Pond to the sign 0.1 Mile below Route 28.

Fish Consumption Advisories: The MA Dept. of Public Health (MDPH), has issued a statewide advisory for pregnant women not to consume fish caught in fresh water due to elevated levels of mercury in fish. MDPH has also issued fish consumption advisories for the general public on selected bodies of water primarily due to PCB and mercury contamination. For more information or for a list of waters with fish consumption advisories, write or call the MDPH at 250 Washington Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02108-4619; (617) 624-5757.

Fish consumption advisories do not apply to fish stocked by MassWildlife.

Interstate Ponds: Wallum Lake, Douglas: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Rhode Island regulations apply.

Lake Monomonic and Robbins Pond, Winchendon; Long Pond, Tyngsboro and Dracut; Bent Pond, Warwick; Tuxbury Pond, Amesbury: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or New Hampshire. New Hampshire regulations apply.

Colebrook Reservoir, Tolland; Perry Pond, Dudley; Muddy Pond, Southbridge; Breakneck Pond, Sturbridge; Congamond Lake, Southwick; Hamilton Reservoir, Holland: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or Connecticut. Connecticut regulations apply to Colebrook Reservoir, Breakneck Pond, Perry Pond and Muddy Pond. Massachusetts regulations apply to Congamond Lake and Hamilton Reservoir.

Sherman Reservoir, Rowe: MA regulations apply and MA license required in MA. Vermont regulations apply and VT license required in VT.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND

June 5 & 6, 2004 — **No license needed**

Spears, Bow and Arrows - May be used to take suckers, carp and eels only. Fishing license required.

PROHIBITED:

Explosives

Poisons

Rubbish in inland waters

Releasing fish or spawn into inland waters, except by permit.

Jug, toggle or trot line fishing.

More than two hooks for fishing or more than five hooks when ice fishing. A hook is defined as an angling device which is attached to a fishing line and which is designed to take one fish at a time, including, but not limited to, devices commonly called spinners, spoons, bait harnesses, lead head jigs or plugs, the purpose of which is to capture the fish by enticing it to take the device into its mouth.

Sale of freshwater fish without a permit.

Snagging

Transporting live fish (except bait) without a permit.

SPORTFISHING AWARDS

Awards for prize freshwater fish are offered in 22 categories. Each qualified entry receives a bronze pin. Largest fish in each category receives a "gold" pin and plaque. Fish must meet minimum weight requirements. Please check our website or send a Self-addressed Stamped Envelope to Field Headquarters for weights and regulations.

Avoid Aquatic Hitch Hikers!

WASH MOTORS and fishing gear when moving from one body of water to another to avoid contaminating with invasive species.

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HUNTING

OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Species	Open season			
Birds:				
Crow ¹	Jan. 1 - Apr. 10 Jul. 1 - Apr. 9, 2005	-	-	-
Pheasant ²	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	2	4	6
Quail ³	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse ⁴	Oct. 16 - Nov. 27	3	6	15
Turkey ⁵ Spring:	Season #1: Apr. 26 - May 22 Season #2: Apr. 26 - May 8	}	See Note # 5	
Fall:	Oct. 25 - Oct. 30			
Waterfowl / migratory birds (including woodcock) see migratory bird abstracts.				
Mammals:				
Black Bear ⁶	Sep. 7 - Sep. 25 Nov. 15 - Nov. 20	See Note # 6		
Bobcat ⁷	Jan. 1 - Mar. 8 Dec. 20 - Mar. 8, 2005	See Note # 7		
Cottontail Rabbit	Mainland: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 16 - Feb. 28, 2005 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 15 - Feb. 28, 2005	5	10	-
Coyote ⁸	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2005	-	-	-
Deer (archery) ⁹	Oct. 11 - Nov. 20	}	See note # 9	
Deer (shotgun) ⁹	Zones 1 - 11; 14: Nov. 29 - Dec. 11 Zones 12 - 13: Nov. 29 - Dec. 4			
Deer (muzzleloader) ⁹	Dec. 13 - Dec. 31			
Fox (red or gray)	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2005			
Gray Squirrel ¹⁰	Eastern Zone: Oct. 16 - Jan. 1, 2005 Western Zone: Sep. 13 - Jan. 1, 2005 Nov. 15 - Dec. 31	5	10	-
Jackrabbit ¹¹	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	1	2	-
Opossum ¹²	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2005	-	-	-
Raccoon ¹²	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2005	3	-	-
Snowshoe Hare ¹³	Eastern Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 5 Oct. 16 - Feb. 5, 2005 Western Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 16 - Feb. 28, 2005 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan.1 - Feb. 5 Nov. 15 - Feb. 5, 2005	2	4	-
Reptiles and Amphibians:				
Bullfrog & Green frog ¹⁴	Jul. 16 - Sep. 30	12	24	-
Snapping Turtle ¹⁴	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	-	-	-

Seasons CLOSED during shotgun deer season — ALL hunting seasons except waterfowl are closed from Nov. 29 to Dec. 11 in deer management zones (DMZ) 1-11 & 14 and from Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 in DMZ 12-13.

The following species may be taken by licensed hunters with no daily or seasonal bag limit: English sparrow, starling, chipmunk, flying squirrel, red squirrel, weasel, porcupine, skunk, woodchuck.

Closed season throughout the year on all birds and mammals not mentioned herein or in Massachusetts migratory bird regulations.

Hunter harassment is against state law. Report violations to the Office of Law Enforcement 1-800-632-8075 or state or local police and prepare to provide a description of violators.

Hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on each day of open season **except** for: **(A)** spring turkey, raccoon and opossum (see footnotes 5 & 12) and **(B)** WMA REG #10 (pg. 12) which states that no person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the pheasant or quail season (Oct. 16 to Nov. 27) except for the hunting of raccoons and opossums between 9P.M. and 3A.M. **(C)** Hunting for rabbit, hare, fox and coyote which closes at midnight.

LISTING OF FURBEARER CHECK STATIONS: Check stations are located at all Wildlife District Headquarters, Sunderland State Fish Hatchery, Martha's Vineyard State Forest, Newbury WMA Headquarters, and Westboro Field Headquarters (Mon. - Fri. excluding holidays). **Call check station prior to bringing pelts for sealing.**

1Crow - May be hunted only on Friday, Saturday and Monday during the open season. Hunting hours close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above).

2Pheasants - Zone from the New Hampshire border south on I-95 to I-495 south to I-95, north on I-95 to I-93/128, east on I-93/128 to Route 3, south on Route 3 to Route 228, north on 228 to the Hull town line. Cocks and hens west of zone line and on all Wildlife Management Areas. Cocks only east of zone line including Hull and in Dukes and Nantucket counties. See WMA Reg. #10 under hunting hours above.

3Quail - Season limited to Nantucket, Dukes, Barnstable, Plymouth and Bristol counties. See WMA Reg #10 under hunting hours above.

4Ruffed Grouse - see WMA Reg. #10 under hunting hours above.

5Turkey - Permit required. **Official safety sticker must be adhered to firearm in such a manner as to be visible when hunter is sighting down the barrel.** Send self addressed stamped envelope to **MassWildlife's** Field Headquarters office (See p. 13) if new or replacement sticker is needed. **SPRING SEASON #1:** April 26 to May 22 (no split) in deer zones 01 through 10 and 13. **SPRING SEASON #2:** April 26 to May 8 in deer zones 11 and 12. **FALL SEASON:** In deer zones 01 through 09, and 13 only. **Spring hunting hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. **Fall hunting hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above). **Bag limit:** (A) 2 bearded birds in spring season (1 per day) with NO fall bird allowed, **OR** (B) 1 bearded bird in spring season, and 1 bird of either sex in fall season. Hunting only with shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and restricted to shot sizes #4 - #6, or with bows 40 lbs. pull or greater. Electronic calls, dogs, bait, driving prohibited. Successful hunters must tag bird immediately and prior to moving it with tag attached to permit and bring bird to an official checking station within 48 hours.

6Bear - Permit required - **apply to Westboro Office** prior to season opening. Zone includes Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties ONLY. Hunting only with rifle .23 caliber or larger, muzzleloader .44 - .775 caliber, bows with 40 lb. pull or greater, or revolvers .357 Magnum or .40 caliber or larger. Handguns permitted in September season only. **SHOTGUNS PROHIBITED.** Dogs prohibited for hunting and training (**See: Hunting Dogs**, page 10). Hunting hours close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above). Successful hunters must tag bear immediately and prior to moving it with tag attached to permit and bring bear to an official checking station within 48 hours. **Limit 1 bear per year.**

7Bobcat - Hunting hours close 1/2 hour after sunset. Hunting limited to areas west of Rte. 31. All bobcats taken must be checked within 4 working days of date of harvest. The Director will close the season when the total harvest reaches 50 animals.

8Coyote & Fox - Hunting hours end at midnight. Pelts must be tagged within 4 working days of the end of the season. **Rifles** chambered to take larger than .22 caliber long rifle rimfire ammunition, pistols and revolvers larger than .38 caliber between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise **are prohibited.** Weapons other than shotguns and bows and arrows are prohibited on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant and quail season. Possession or use of any rifle chambered larger than .22 long rifle in any place where birds or mammals may be found in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, and Nantucket counties is prohibited, November 1 - March 31.



⁹**Deer- Hunting hours** are 1/2 hour before sunrise and close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg. #10 (See hunting hours pg.6).

Antlered deer- any deer with at least one antler 3 inches long measured on a straight line from the center of the anterior (front) base of the antler burr to the tip.

Antlerless deer- a permit is required to harvest antlerless deer during any season in all zones. Only one application per person. Applications must be postmarked no later than **July 16th**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Additional permits may be available in certain zones (see page 11 for details). Permits are accompanied by a zone specific tag and are valid in any season.

Note: each 2004 antlerless deer permit will have a tag attached, valid for one antlerless deer, increasing the seasonal bag limit for anyone possessing an antlerless deer permit. If you hunt the archery, shotgun, or muzzleloader seasons, you must have an antlerless permit to take an antlerless deer. The number of deer a hunter may harvest state-wide depends on the number of antlerless deer permits they purchase. A hunter may possess antlerless deer permits for more than one DMZ. For example, if a hunter applies for a permit for DMZ 5 through the drawing, and is selected for that permit, that hunter may purchase additional permits for a DMZ that has permits available (such as DMZ 10 or DMZ 14). Permit availability depends on permit allocation and the number of applicants.

Tagging requirements- Immediately upon killing a deer and prior to moving it (during any deer season), the tag portion must be separated from the license or antlerless deer permit, filled out, and attached to the deer in a conspicuous manner. The deer must be taken to an official checking station by the person who killed it within 48 hours after killing it, for validation by a Division of Fisheries and Wildlife representative. At that time the paper tag will be collected and a metal tag affixed. This constitutes the official report of kill as required by law. Deer taken on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard or Cuttyhunk must be tagged on the island where shot. Deer must not be possessed, transported, or under a person's control unless the deer, or a part of the deer, is open to view. However, after the deer has been tagged with an official metal seal, the deer may be concealed.

After killing 2 deer (except for persons with unused valid deer tags) a person shall not hunt for any bird or mammal other than deer, during the remainder of the shotgun deer season. This does not apply to hunting waterfowl on coastal waters.

Daily bag: the daily bag limit is determined by the number of valid tags a hunter possesses. Hunters possessing one deer may take an additional deer before presenting the first deer at an official check station. However, all deer must be taken to a check station within 48 hours of being killed.

Yearly bag: 2 antlered deer, and as many antlerless deer as the hunter has valid permits for, **PROVIDED:**

(A) Hunters may purchase additional antlerless deer permits for **available zones** subject to an overall quota in each zone.

(See p. 11 for antlerless deer permit regulations.)

(B) Hunters may take a maximum of two (2) deer in the **Quabbin** Reservation, both of which may be antlerless, provided the hunter obtains a second antlerless deer permit after checking their first

antlerless deer at a Quabbin check station. **Antlerless** deer taken in the Quabbin are not considered part of the statewide bag limit. **Antlered** deer taken in the Quabbin are part of the statewide bag limit.

No person shall kill an antlerless deer unless he or she possesses on his or her person a permit from the director to do so.

During shotgun season hunters may use shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, bows and arrows, or muzzleloaders, including modern muzzleloaders, muzzleloaders with telescopic sights, and sabot rounds in muzzleloaders, including hinge action muzzleloaders.

During shotgun and muzzleloader seasons all deer hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" on their head, chest, and back. This includes archers hunting during either season (see page 10).

The possession of **rifles, handguns, or dogs** in any woodland or field, on any highway, or use of same on any game, is **prohibited** during the shotgun deer season except that the use of dogs is lawful for hunting waterfowl on coastal waters.

Driving deer is lawful.

Quabbin Controlled Hunt: Contact Dept. of Conservation & Recreation (413-323-7221) in June for information. Must apply by August 15.

Muzzleloader Season - Limited to shoulder-fired muzzleloaders .44 to .775 caliber; barrel length 18" or more with only one barrel operative. In-line ignition systems permitted providing rifle loads from muzzle. Hinge action muzzleloaders are not legal. Single projectile only (no buckshot). Sabot rounds, 209 primers and scopes are legal. Powder limited to black powder or approved substitutes. Firearm is considered unloaded when cap or pan powder is removed. Stamp required. **An antlerless deer permit is required by muzzleloader hunters in order to take an antlerless deer.** Archers may hunt during the muzzleloader firearms season but must purchase a primitive firearms stamp and wear at least 500 square inches of hunter orange on head, back and chest.

Paraplegic Season: There is a special deer hunt for paraplegic sportsmen. Contact Field Headquarters for information (508)792-7270.

10 Gray Squirrel - Zones are divided by the eastern boundary of Worcester County. Rifles and handguns permitted in the western zone; prohibited in the eastern zone. No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the open season on pheasant or quail (Oct. 16 to Nov. 27) except for the hunting of raccoons between 9PM and 3AM (WMA Reg #10, pg. 12). No person shall hunt by any means other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons or opossums between 9PM and 3AM (WMA Reg. #9, pg.12).

11 Jackrabbit - Season limited to Nantucket County.

12 Raccoon & Opossum - Limit of 3 raccoon from sunset of one day to sunset of following day by one person; 6 by two or more persons hunting in same group. No limit on opossum. Night hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (except Delaney and Flint Pond WMAs) is permitted from sunset to sunrise excepting from Oct. 16 to Nov. 27 on areas stocked with pheasant or quail, when raccoon and opossum may be hunted only from 9PM to 3AM.

13 Snowshoe Hare - Zones are divided by the west bank of the Connecticut River.

14 Bullfrog, Green frog, Snapping Turtle - No license required. Minimum size for frogs 3" snout to vent.

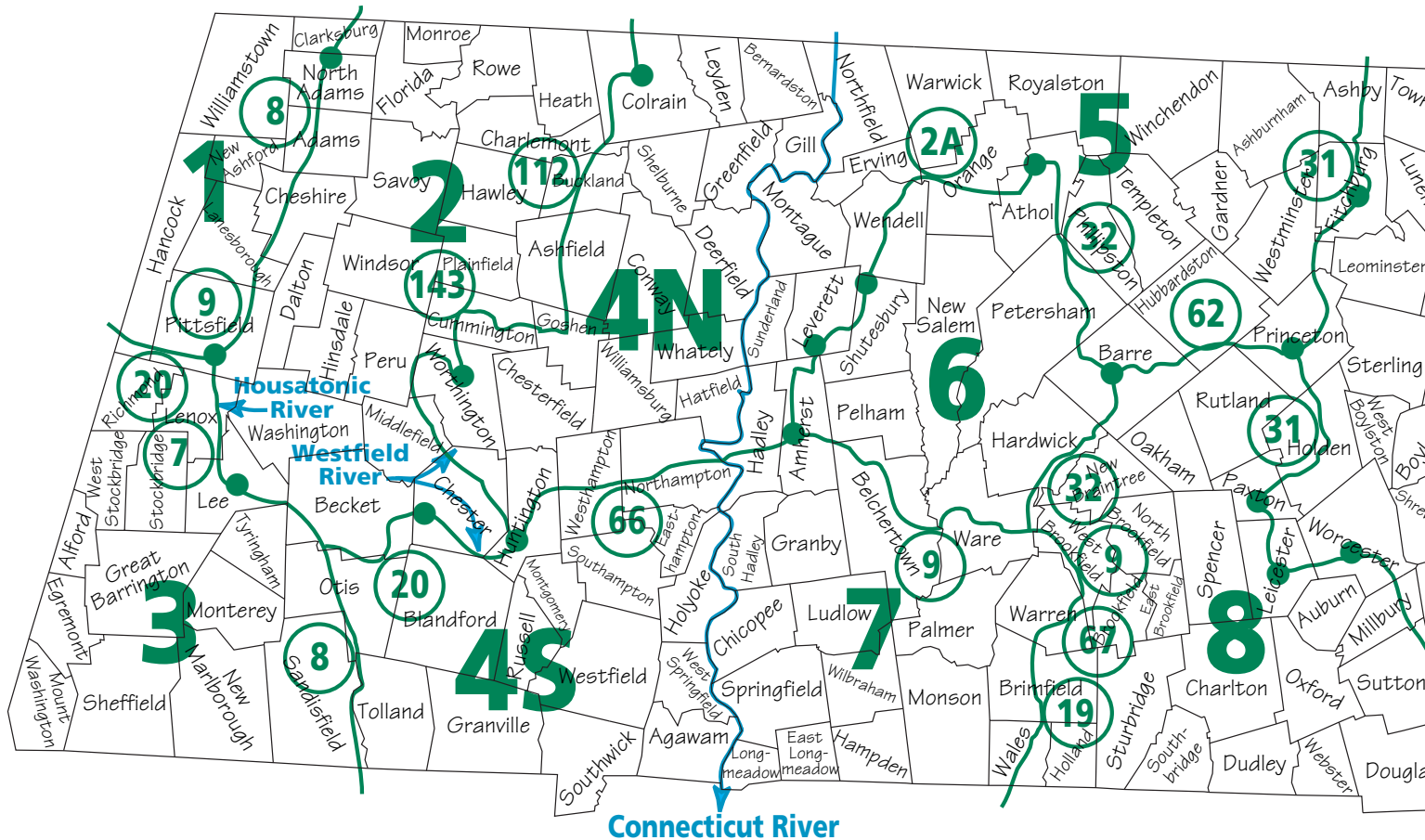
HUNTING REGULATIONS

Accidents - All hunting injuries or deaths **MUST** be reported to state, local police, and/or environmental police.

Archery - Poisoned arrows, or explosive tips or bows drawn by mechanical means are prohibited. Mechanical releases permitted. Arrows used on deer, bear or turkey must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades not less than 7/8 of an inch in width. Recurve or long bows for deer, bear or turkey hunting must have at least 40 lbs. pull at 28" or at peak draw weight for compound bows. No arrows may

(Continued, Page 10)

Deer Management Zones



Zone 01 - Northerly by the Vermont border; westerly by the New York border; southerly by a line running along Rte. 20 to the junction with Rte. 7 in Pittsfield; north on Rte. 7 to Rte. 9 and east on Rte. 9 to the junction of Rte. 8; and easterly by a line running from the Vermont border south along Rte. 8 to Rte. 9 in Pittsfield.

Zone 02 - Northerly by Vermont border; westerly by zones 01 and 03; southerly by the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) from the intersection with the Housatonic River in Lee, east to the intersection (dead end) with Bonny Rigg Hill Road in Becket; and easterly by a line running from the Vermont border south along Rte. 112 to Rte. 143 in Worthington, along Rte. 143 west to the intersection with the middle branch of the Westfield River, then south along the middle branch of the Westfield River to the intersection with the East branch of the Westfield River, south along the East branch of the Westfield River to Rte. 20 in Huntington, west along Rte. 20 to Bonny Rigg Hill Road in Becket, south on Bonny Rigg Hill Road to the intersection with the Mass. Turnpike.

Zone 03 - Northerly by zones 01; westerly by the New York border; southerly by the New York and Connecticut borders; and easterly by a line running south along the Housatonic River from the junction with Rte. 9 in Pittsfield to the junction with Rte. 20 in Lee, east along Rte. 20 to the junction with Rte. 8 in West Becket, and south on Rte. 8 to the Connecticut border.

Zone 04 North - Northerly by the Vermont border; westerly by zone 02; southerly by a line running north from the intersection of Rte. 20 and the East branch of the Westfield River in Huntington along the East branch of the Westfield River to the intersection with Rte. 66, along Rte. 66 to the intersection with Rte. 9 in Northampton, to the intersection with the Connecticut River at the Northampton/Hadley town line; and easterly by the Connecticut River.

Zone 04 South - Northerly by zones 02 and 04N; westerly by zone 03; southerly by the Connecticut Border; and easterly by the Connecticut River.

Zone 05 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; westerly by the Connecticut River; southerly by a line running from the intersection of the Connecticut River and Rte. 9 at the Northampton/Hadley line east along Rte. 9 to Rte. 116 in Hadley, north along Rte. 116 to Rte. 63 in North Amherst, east along Rte. 63 and Pine Street to State Street, northeast along State Street and East Leverett Road to Cushman Road, along Cushman Road to Shutesbury Road in East Leverett, east on Shutesbury Road and Leverett Road to Wendell Road in Shutesbury Center, north

along Wendell Road to Locks Pond Road, north on Locks Pond Road to Lake View Road, northeast on Lake View Road to Locks Village Road, north along Locks Village Road to Depot Road in Wendell, north on Depot Road to Rte. 2A in Wendell Depot, east on Rte. 2A to Rte. 32 in Athol, south on Rte. 32 to Rte. 62 in Barre, and east on Rte. 62 to the intersection with Rte. 31 in Princeton.

Zone 06 - Northerly by zone 05; westerly by zone 05; southerly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 9 and Rt. 116 in Hadley, east along Rte. 9 to the intersection with Rte. 32 in Ware; and easterly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 32 and Rte. 62 in Barre, south along Rte. 32 to the intersection with Rte. 9 in Ware.

Zone 07 - Northerly by zones 05 and 06; southerly by the Connecticut border; easterly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 9 and Rte. 32 in Ware, east along Rte. 9 to the intersection with Rte. 67, southwest along Rte. 67 to the intersection with Rte. 19 in Warren, and south along Rte. 19 to the Connecticut border.

Zone 08 - Northerly by zone 05; southerly by the Connecticut and Rhode Island borders; easterly by the following: Rte. 31 in Princeton south to Rte. 56 in Paxton, Rte. 56 south to Rte. 9 in Leicester, Rte. 9 east to Cambridge Street in Worcester, Cambridge Street east to Rte. 146, Rte. 146 southeast to the Rhode Island border, westerly by zones 06 and 07.

Zone 09 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; southerly by the Rhode Island border; easterly by the following: Rte. 3 from New Hampshire southeast to Rte. I-495 south to Rte. 121 in Wrentham, 121 southwest to the Rhode Island border; westerly by zones 05 and 08.

Zone 10 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; southerly by the following: Rte. 1A northeast from Walpole to Rte. 128, Rte. 128 east to Rte. 228, Rte. 228 north to the Atlantic Ocean; easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by zone 09.

Zone 11 - Northerly by zones 09 and 10; southerly by Buzzard's Bay and the Cape Cod Canal; easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by the Rhode Island border.

Zone 12 - Northerly, southerly and easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by zone 11.

Zone 13 - Dukes County.

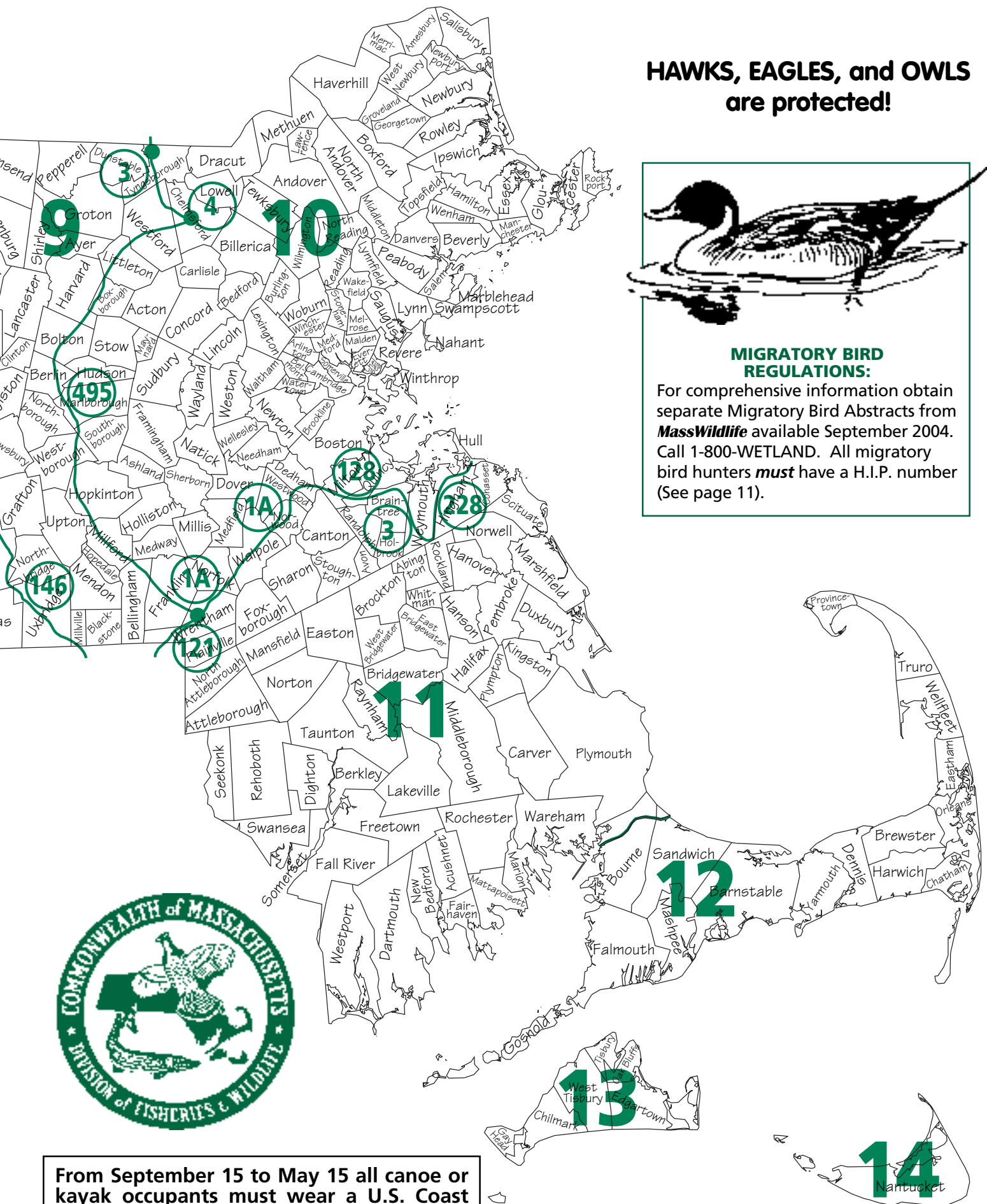
Zone 14 - Nantucket.

HAWKS, EAGLES, and OWLS are protected!



MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS:

For comprehensive information obtain separate Migratory Bird Abstracts from **MassWildlife** available September 2004. Call 1-800-WETLAND. All migratory bird hunters **must** have a H.I.P. number (See page 11).



From September 15 to May 15 all canoe or kayak occupants must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device.

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be released within 150 feet of, or across, any state or hard-surfaced highway and hunting is prohibited within 500 feet of any dwelling or building in use, unless authorized by owner or occupant thereof.

Archery Stamp Required. Antlerless deer permit required to take antlerless deer in any zone during archery deer season (Oct. 11 - Nov. 20), in addition to a hunting or sporting license. Archers, while hunting deer, shall not possess firearms on their person or use dogs. (See daily and seasonal bag limit pg.7 and antlerless deer permit pg. 11.) Archers may hunt with a bow and arrow during the shotgun season and muzzleloader season but must comply with the shotgun or muzzleloader season regulations. **Crossbows may be used by certain permanently handicapped persons by permit only.** For regulations and an application, visit our website or contact **MassWildlife** at (508) 792-7270.

Hunter Orange - No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on public shooting grounds or Wildlife Management Areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night-hunting for raccoons or while hunting waterfowl from a blind or boat.

During the period when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun, all hunters, except waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, must wear, in a conspicuous manner on chest, back, and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" clothing or material. During the muzzleloader season deer hunters only must comply with the hunter orange requirement.

Hunting Dogs - May be trained at any time (except during the shotgun season on deer) provided no firearms other than pistol or revolver and blank cartridges are used or possessed. No sporting or hunting license necessary. During the shotgun season on deer, dogs may be used for waterfowl hunting on coastal waters only. Hunting bear or bobcat with dogs, or training dogs on those species, is prohibited.

Reptiles and Amphibians - No open season on 25 species: hunting, taking, possessing alive prohibited. Regulations available from **MassWildlife**. Possession limit of 2 on all others except bullfrog, green frog, or snapping turtle. (See p. 6).

Tree Stands - Must have written permission of landowner to construct or use any tree stand held in place with nails, bolts, etc., or in place for more than 30 days.

PROHIBITED

Artificial Lights for hunting any bird or mammal except raccoon and opossum.

Baiting wild birds, bear or deer.

Careless or negligent use of firearms.

Choke Traps, Leghold Traps or Nets for taking any bird or mammal.

Decoys for hunting deer.

Discharge of any Firearm or release of any arrow upon or across any state or hard-surfaced highway, or within 150 feet of any such highway, or possession of a loaded firearm, discharge of a firearm or hunting on the land of another within 500 feet of any dwelling or building in use, except as authorized by the owner or occupant thereof.

Electronic Calls for hunting migratory game birds, wild turkey, or deer.

Ferretting, possession of non-vaccinated / unneutered ferrets / fitches without permit. It is unlawful to hunt with a ferret.

Hunting on Posted Land without permission.

Hunting on Sunday.

Importation, transportation, liberation or possession of any live vertebrate protected under Chapter 131 of the General Laws except under permit from the Director.

Intoxication and Drugs - No person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs shall hunt, target shoot, carry a firearm, bow and arrow or other weapon.

Loaded Shotgun or rifle in or on any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle (including snowmobiles), aircraft or motor boat, except as stated in the Migratory Bird Hunting Abstracts.

Machine Guns, fully-automatic firearms, any crossbow, any tracer or incendiary ammunition for hunting. Crossbows allowed for certain handicapped persons only (see Archery).

Motor Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles (including Snowmobiles), Aircraft for hunting any bird or mammal.

Possession of any protected wildlife and/or wild plants, dead or alive, taken from the wild, except by permit.

Power or Sailboats for hunting birds except when beached or tied to blind or for retrieving injured birds.

Removal of any mammal from walls, holes in trees, ground or logs.

Rifles chambered to take larger than .22 caliber long rifle rimfire ammunition, pistols and revolvers larger than .38 caliber between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise. Weapons other than shotguns and bows and arrows are prohibited on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant and quail season. Possession or use of any rifle chambered larger than .22 long rifle in any place where birds or mammals may be found in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, and Nantucket counties November 1 - March 31, except during daylight hours on target ranges and except for the use of rifled caplocks or flintlocks during muzzleloader deer season, or rifled barrel shotguns during the shotgun deer season.

Sale of all species of mammals and birds or parts thereof, except heads, hides and hooves of deer.

Shotgun Ammunition - Except during the prescribed open season when deer may be hunted lawfully with a shotgun, a person shall not have in his possession a shotgun shell loaded with a rifled slug, single ball, buckshot of any size, BB shot or air rifle shot in any place where birds or mammals may be found except on a skeet, trap or target range between sunrise and sunset, or **except** as specified in Migratory Bird Hunting Abstracts.

Swivel or Pivot Guns for hunting any bird.

Taking Nests, destroying or disturbing eggs or nests of birds protected by law.

Target Shooting on Sunday except on one's own property or on a recognized range.

Traps for taking birds except under **MassWildlife** permit. All traps except cage or box traps and common mouse or rat traps are unlawful for the taking of fur-bearing mammals.

Vandalism or damage to property or livestock.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Licenses are valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 (except for limited term licenses).

Licenses are issued by: most city and town clerks, all **MassWildlife** offices and selected other outlets. Application may be made in person or by mail, or by agent of applicant. NOTE: City and town clerks MUST add an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) and other sales agents MAY add up to an additional One Dollar and Fifty Cent (\$1.50) service fee to the price of each license sold. There is NO SERVICE FEE charged for the purchase of licenses at offices of **MassWildlife**.

Licenses, stamps, permits, and boat registration renewals are now available online at mass.gov/massoutdoors. Anyone holding an electronic license may subsequently purchase stamps, permits or boat registration renewals over the Internet. Persons holding traditional licenses must purchase permits, stamps and licenses at license sales outlets in the traditional way.

Licenses are required for all persons 15 years of age and over for fishing (inland waters) and hunting (any bird or mammal). Trapping license 12

years and over. License must be shown on demand to any officer empowered to enforce these laws and to landowners, or lessees while on their property. No F.I.D. card needed if 12 to 14 years of age, or for bowhunting. Face of license must not be obscured. **NOTE:** No one may buy a hunting or sporting license unless he shows the issuing agent a previous year's hunting or sporting license (from any state), a certificate of competency issued by **MassWildlife's** Hunter Education Program, a License to Carry, or a F.I.D. card.

Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) provides the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with migratory game bird harvest estimates for ducks, geese and other migratory game birds. Hunter cooperation is a critical part of gathering this information and managing game bird populations. Woodcock, rail, coot, snipe and waterfowl hunters **must** have a Harvest Information Permit (H.I.P.) number. This number can be obtained annually by calling **1-800-WETLAND**, and completing a seven question survey. There is no charge for the permit.

Waterfowl Consumption Advisory: The MA Department of Public Health has issued a waterfowl consumption advisory for the Housatonic River due to PCBs. For more information call the MDPH at (617) 624-5757.

Bear Permit - \$5.00 fee **MUST** accompany each completed application. Applications are available at **MassWildlife** district offices, FHQ, or in the **Hunting Area of our website**. Current holders of electronic licenses may purchase permits on-line. Submit application by August 1 to ensure timely processing.

Wild Turkey Permit - Application is on the duplicate slip of hunting / sporting license. Current holders of electronic licenses may purchase permits on-line. Apply by March 15 for spring season & Sept. 15 for fall season to ensure entry in the permit system. \$5.00 fee **MUST** accompany application. One fee covers both seasons.

Antlerless Deer Permit is required to take antlerless deer during shotgun, archery and muzzleloader seasons in all zones. (Application is on hunting / sporting license.) **DO NOT send fee with application.** Selection is by random drawing. Applications must be submitted by **July 16**. Successful applicants will be notified and assessed a \$5.00 fee. Additional permits, if available after drawing, will be issued at all District Offices and Westboro (in person only) until the overall quota for each zone is reached. Applicants must have original hunting license and \$5.00 fee for each permit requested. Permits for zone 13 and 14 may also be requested by mail from the Westboro office or at check stations on each island. **NOTE:** A fifteen dollar (\$15) fee will be charged for all returned checks.

For a listing of Turkey, Bear and Deer check stations, visit our website or send a Self-addressed Stamped Envelope to Field Headquarters, Westboro.

STAMPS:

Archery Stamp (\$5.10), required to hunt deer with a bow from Oct. 11 - Nov. 20. Stamp must be signed across the face in ink and attached to the rear of the license.

Primitive Firearms Stamp (\$5.10 each), required to hunt deer with a muzzleloader or with archery equipment Dec. 13 - 31. Stamp must be signed across the face in ink and attached to the rear of the license.

Mass. Waterfowl Stamp - required in addition to Federal Stamp. Stamps shall be signed across the face in ink and in possession while hunting waterfowl. (Not needed for Woodcock, Snipe, or Rails)...\$5.00

Residency Requirement - To obtain a resident license applicant must reside in Mass. for 6 consecutive months immediately prior to purchase.

Nonresidents - A big-game license is required to hunt deer, bear and turkey. **Aliens** must obtain a permit from the Dept. of Public Safety for possession of firearms prior to obtaining a hunting license.

Minors 15 through 17 years of age, are required to be licensed. He/she must be accompanied by an adult or have a government approved Certificate of Completion from a Basic Hunter Education Course in addition to required stamps and permits. Minors between 12 and 14 inclusive may participate in hunting when accompanied by a duly licensed adult, provided that a single bag limit shall be observed and only one firearm/bow is possessed by the two. Only one minor per adult is permitted.

Special Licenses or Permits are necessary for possession or release of certain wildlife and for dealers, propagators, wildlife rehabilitators, taxidermists and/or fur buyers. Apply to the **MassWildlife** Boston office, Permit Section, 617-626-1575. Contact Field Headquarters in Westboro, 508-792-7270, for permits for falconry, problem animal control or shooting preserves.

No license is required by any legal resident of the Commonwealth or member of his immediate family for hunting, fishing or trapping on land owned or leased by him which is used principally for agriculture, if he is or they are actually domiciled thereon.

Penalties - License revoked for one year in addition to other penalties and fines and restitutions of up to \$1,000 and/or 1 year in jail. Careless and negligent use of firearms - fines of up to \$500 and/or 6 months imprisonment and loss of license for 5 years.

MASSACHUSETTS GUN LAW:

Possession: No License to Carry (LTC) or Firearms Identification (FID) Card is needed by bow hunters, nor by minors 12-14 years old hunting with a duly licensed adult, nor for the possession of primitive rifles or shotguns as defined in Chapter 140, Section 121, or their ammunition. However, an LTC or FID is required to purchase all ammunition, including black powder and Pyrodex. For hunting, resident citizens ages 15 and over must have an FID Card to possess a non-large capacity rifle or shotgun. An LTC is needed to possess large capacity rifles and shotguns and all handguns. Non-residents with a valid Massachusetts non-resident hunting license do not need an LTC or FID to possess or carry a rifle or shotgun, but must carry their firearms unloaded and in a case while traveling in their vehicles. Non-residents **may not** purchase guns or ammunition in Massachusetts.

Caution: Massachusetts public safety laws define primitive arms differently from the laws and regulations of **MassWildlife**.

Travel: Rifles, shotguns, and muzzleloaders may not be carried in or on motor vehicles, nor may they be carried on public ways unless they are unloaded and in an enclosed case, or the person is lawfully engaged in hunting. A large capacity rifle or shotgun must be carried unloaded, and contained within a locked trunk or in a locked case or other secure container.

Storage: State law requires that whenever a gun is not under your direct control, it must be kept in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock. Muzzleloaders are exempt from this requirement.

TRAPPING: For comprehensive trapping information obtain separate Trapping Abstract from **MassWildlife** available September 2004.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

MassWildlife holds 116 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and 13 wildlife sanctuaries. Maps are available from Field Headquarters, Westboro.

1. No person shall possess any alcoholic beverage except under permit or dump or discard any can, bottle or rubbish.
2. No person shall remove vegetation, soil or stones from any WMA except under permit.
3. No person shall use excessive speed in driving a vehicle.
4. No person, unless under permit, shall drive or possess any vehicle except on roads or trails maintained for public traffic.
5. No person shall deface or tamper with any sign, building or equipment.
6. No person shall build or maintain a fire without written permission from the Director of **MassWildlife** or his designee.
7. No person shall camp within any WMA without written permission from the Director or his designee.
8. No person shall engage in target practicing without written permission from the Director or his designee.
9. No person shall use any means other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons between 9PM and 3AM.
10. No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the open season on pheasant or quail, Oct. 16 to Nov. 27, except for the hunting of raccoons between 9PM and 3AM.
11. No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on wildlife management areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night hunting for raccoons or while hunting from a blind or boat.
12. No person, except under permit, shall dig or disturb any artifact or archaeological remains.
13. The Director may make special regulations to handle special situations peculiar to any WMA. Controlled hunts are in effect at certain times on Burns, Delaney and Ludlow WMAs. Contact District Supervisor for details.

Any landowner permitting use of his property for recreation without charging a fee is **not liable** for injuries to recreational users or their property except in cases of willful, wanton or reckless conduct by the owner.

(Chapter 21, Section 17C MGL)

The Massachusetts Wildlife Viewing Guide & The Critters of Massachusetts

The **Massachusetts Viewing Guide** is 96 pages of wonderful trips to see wildlife and their habitats, from the summit of Mt. Greylock to the depths of Stellwagen Bank. \$8.95 at any **MassWildlife** office, or send \$8.95 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling to the Westboro Field Headquarters, One Rabbit Hill Rd. Westboro, Ma. 01581. **The Critters of Massachusetts** is for kids. Basic info on mammals, birds and reptiles. Available at any **MassWildlife** office or send \$5.00 plus \$1.50 p&h to above address.

HAVE A QUESTION? VISIT OUR WEBSITE

mass.gov/masswildlife

or call the **MassWildlife Information Directory**:

For questions regarding conflicts with wildlife, stocking of fish or gamebirds, or other **regional** issues contact your nearest District Wildlife Supervisor. For the district locations and phone numbers please see page 13.

For questions regarding the following programs please call the listed numbers:

Art Contest, Stamps	(508) 792-7270
Aquatic Resource Education	(508) 792-7270
Becoming an Outdoorswoman	(508) 792-7270
Hunter Education	(617) 727-3623 or (508) 792-7434
Mass. Jr. Conservation Camp	(508) 792-7270
Project WILD	(508) 792-7270
Mass. Wildlife Magazine	(508) 792-7270
Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program	(508) 792-7270
Publications	(508) 792-7270
Fishing/Hunting Information	(508) 792-7270
Licenses	(617) 626-1590 or (508) 792-7270
Sportfishing Awards	(508) 792-7270
Tags 'N' Trout	(508) 792-7270
Trapping	(508) 792-7270
Waterfowl	(508) 792-7270
Wildlife Lands	(617) 626-1574

PERMITS:

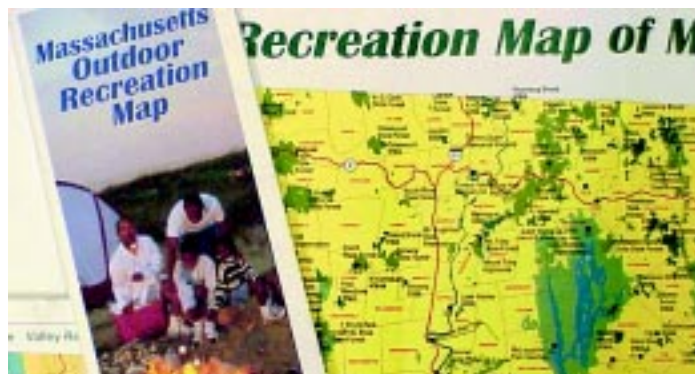
(Non-hunting): Permit Section	(617) 626-1575
Bear / Turkey / Antlerless Deer Permits	(508) 792-7270

TAGGED ANIMALS

Some bear, deer, moose, coyote or other animals have ear tags or radio collars. Contact Westboro **MassWildlife** (508) 792-7270 immediately after taking or finding these animals in order to determine their source and status.

Do you want to know where to go fishing or boating? **Public Access to the Waters of Massachusetts** is now available. This 146 page map booklet will show and tell you information about current public sites. Send \$8.00, payable by check to:

Massachusetts Public Access Board
Department of Fish and Game
1440 Soldiers Field Road
Brighton, MA 02135



An **Outdoor Recreation Map** jointly published by DCR, Dept. of Fish & Game's Public Access Board and **MassWildlife** features maps and grids with information on Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests and Parks, and Boat Access sites statewide. Copies can be obtained from a number of **DCR** and **MassWildlife** locations.

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Northeast Wildlife District
 Chuck Bell
 District Supervisor
 68 Harris Street
 Acton 01720
 Phone: (978) 263-4347

Boston Office
 Wayne F. MacCallum, Director
 Jack Buckley,
 Deputy Director, Administration
 Bill Minior
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 Suite 400, Boston 02114
 Phone: (617) 626-1590

Southeast Wildlife District
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 195 Bournedale Road
 Buzzards Bay 02532
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 Belchertown 01007
 Phone: (413) 323-7632

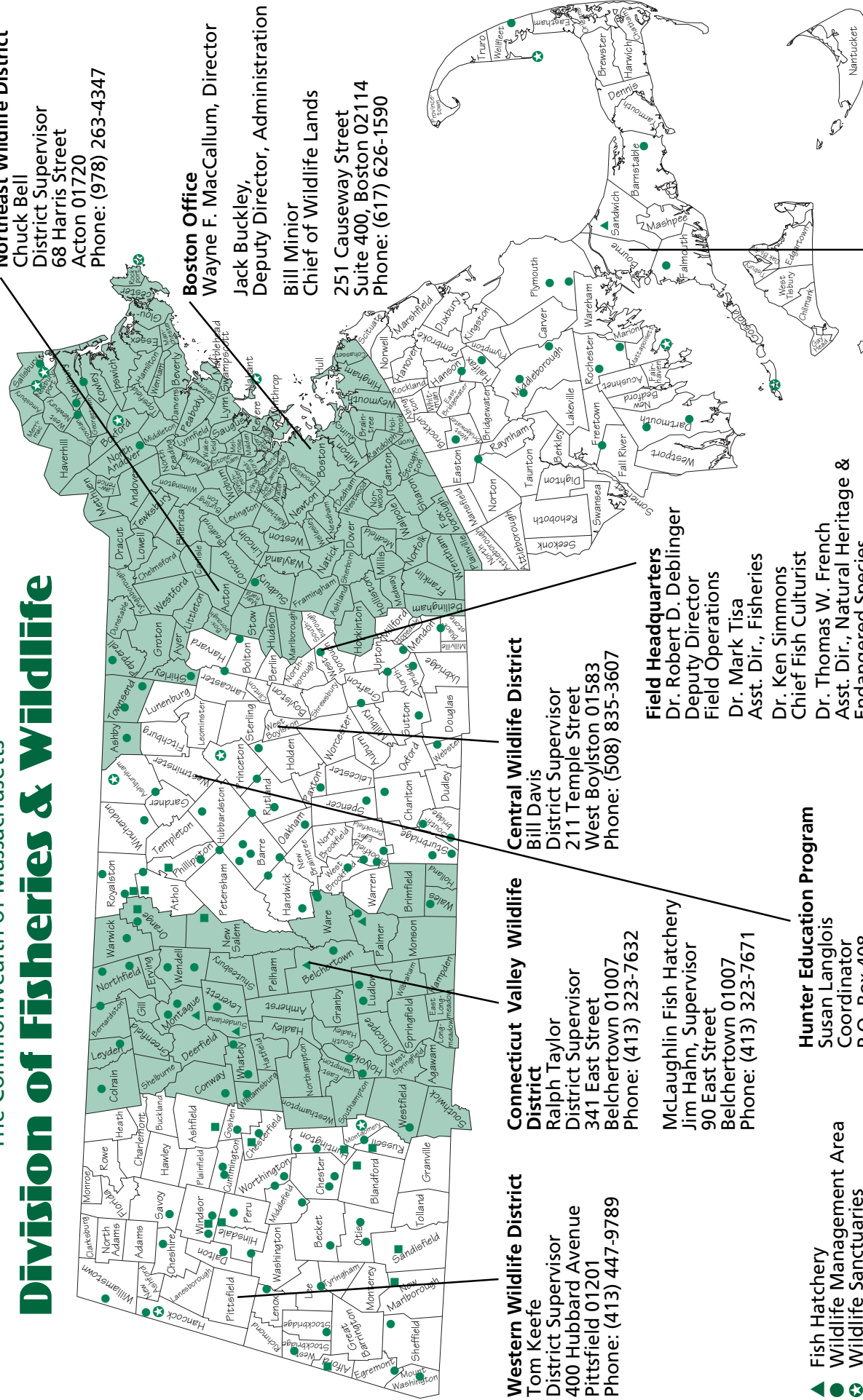
McLaughlin Fish Hatchery
 Jim Hahn, Supervisor
 90 East Street
 Belchertown 01007
 Phone: (413) 323-7671

Hunter Education Program
 Susan Langlois
 Coordinator
 P.O. Box 408
 Westminister 01473
 Phone: (508) 792-7434
 or (617) 727-3623

Western Wildlife District
 Tom Keefe
 District Supervisor
 400 Hubbard Avenue
 Pittsfield 01201
 Phone: (413) 447-9789

Fish Hatchery
 Wildlife Management Area
 Wildlife Sanctuaries
 Wildlife Conservation Easement

All **MassWildlife** lands and facilities are open to the general public without regard to race, color, creed, sex, handicap or age.



Office of Law Enforcement

To Report Violations Call: 1-800-632-8075

MAIN OFFICES

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617-626-1650
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INLAND ENFORCEMENT



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Montague, MA 01351

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349 Lincoln Street, Building 45
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Manomet, MA 02345

508-224-2264
617-727-6847
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BOATING & RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SAFETY

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508-790-9360
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ENVIRONMENTAL STRIKE FORCE

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Boston, MA 02108

617-727-2200
FAX: 617-727-5755

TRANSPORT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

It is a violation of **FEDERAL LAW** to transport illegally taken fish or wildlife across state lines. For additional information contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, Phone: (617) 889-6616.

For Boat Registration Information
phone: (617) 626-1610.

FEDERAL WILDLIFE LAW INFORMATION

Please note that fishing and hunting laws on federal parks, refuges and reservations such as that controlled by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, or the National Park Service may differ from state regulations. Contact the agency in question.



Marine Fisheries

A Commonwealth of Massachusetts Agency

Have any questions regarding regulations pertaining to the harvesting of salt water fish species? Call the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries information hotline: (617) 626-1520.

ROAD-KILLED DEER may be kept by Massachusetts driver or passenger of vehicle killing deer if reported to Law Enforcement at **1-800-632-8075** immediately and then tagged at **MassWildlife** or at a Law Enforcement office within 24 hours and free permit issued.

Education Programs

MassWildlife offers a wide range of educational and skills programs. With suitable lead time, these programs can be adapted to the needs of virtually any group.



Angler Education — The Angler Education Program (AEP) teaches people of all ages, especially children, about the relationships between fish and their environment. The program teaches freshwater fishing skills, basic safety techniques, outdoor ethics and aquatic ecology through workshop sessions and/or through family fishing festivals.

Hunter Education Program — provides courses in the safe handling of firearms, and other outdoor activities related to hunting and firearm use. Designed for novices, courses in Basic Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, Trapper Education, Muzzleloader Education and Map & Compass are offered statewide throughout the year. Certificates in certain courses satisfy hunting license requirements for Massachusetts as well as other states and Canadian provinces. Call (508) 792-7434 for more information.



Project WILD — Emphasizes wildlife, people and the environment which they share. Six hour workshops are available for people who work with children in grades K - 12. Participants receive either the Project WILD or Aquatic WILD activity guide. PDPs are available.

Vernal Pools for Educators Workshops — A series of free one-day workshops for environmental and classroom educators of Massachusetts. Explore the nature of vernal pools and how to bring them into the classroom. Free materials and resources are provided to participants.

In addition to these programs the Information and Education Section offers **special programs on a wide variety of topics** and participates actively in the operation of:

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program — Information highlighting rare and endangered species, their habitats and protection strategies is available in the form of fact sheets, newsletters, a biodiversity report, a guide to invasive plants, wetlands atlas, vernal pool certification packet, posters and coloring book.

Junior Duck Stamp Program — Students participate in a state-wide duck stamp contest that combines art with wetlands and waterfowl information. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Wildlife Federation and Ducks Unlimited.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman — These special weekend and occasional one-day programs offer women of all ages an opportunity to sample a variety of outdoor activities from archery to wildlife photography and from kayaking to fly fishing. Sessions are designed for novices.



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